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Izvestia Woos 'U.S. Spies,' Reports Surrender of Two

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The Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia reported June 15 the surrender of two "American spies" and pointed the moral that full confessions by Russian-born agents could be the gateway to a new life in the Soviet Union for emigres.

It said two Soviet Army deserters, parachuted into Russia by American intelligence services, had handed over their secrets and equipment to the security service without transmitting any information to their superiors.

This is the third "spy story" to appear in the Soviet press within a month. Two days ago, two deserters said to have been sent to the Soviet Union as saboteurs were reported to have been given 25-year sentences. Another was reported shot.

Isvestia did not say where the two latest spies, N. Yakuta and M. Kudryavtsev, were now but declared they had "received full opportunities to live freely and work on their native soil."

It pointed out that "the Americans" had told them they would be shot even if they surrendered voluntarily, and had given them poison capsules.

The two men were said to have been trained at a "spy school" in West Germany and dropped over the Soviet Union from an old, unmarked bomber.

But Izvestia said they had surrendered with radio sets, codes, maps, secret addresses.

and "silent weapons" because "their loneliness became unbearable" and they knew "they would never be able to look the Russian people in the eyes again."

Izvestia said the "school" at which they were trained was "concealed under the name of the 'Institute for the study of the Soviet Union' at Bad Homburg."

They had received "political instruction" in Paris, further training near Munich, and were flown to Salonika, Greece, before going on to the Soviet Union, Izvestia said.

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